Ban on Unproperly Covered Vehicles

4742. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether entry of unproperly covered vehicles carrying stone chips, bajri and ash is prohibited in National Capital Region of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against the persons violating this rule; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has issued a notification dated 17.4.1997, under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, prohibiting movement of uncovered vehicle carrying sand, stone aggregates, fly ash and other offensive materials causing Air Pollution.

(c) and (d) The Government have issued instructions to the concerned departments to take action against the offenders.

Illegal Felling of Trees

4743. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received from various States regarding illegal felling of the trees planted by the Government and the public during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the action taken against the persons responsible for illegal felling of the trees?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In total 108 complaints have been received from various States during the last three years regarding illegal felling of the trees planted by the Government and the public, as under:

Year	Number of Complaints received
1994-95	38
1995-96	35
1996-97	35

(c) On receiving complaints, concerned State Governments are requested to investigate and take suitable action and corrective measures.

[English]

Procurement of Foodgrains

4744. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of foodgrains to the Central Pool made by the Punjab *vis-a-vis* other States during each of the last three years; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains allocated by the Government for distribution through PDS and open market sale and the rate thereof during the said period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Statements I and II giving requisite information are attached.

(b) Statements III to VI showing Statewise quantity of wheat and rice allocated and quantity of wheat and rice sold under open market sale are annexed.

Statements VII & VIII showing the open sale prices of wheat and rice are attached.

Statement IX showing CIP of wheat and rice is attached.

Statement-I

Procurement of Rice Marketing Season (Oct-Sept.)

(In Thousand Tonnes)

State/UT	Marketing Season		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
	(As on 28.4.1997)		
1	2	3	4
A. Contributing to Central Pool			
Andhra Pradesh	4024	3682	2857
Arunachal Pradesh	1	2	-
Assam	1	2	Neg.
Bihar	1	Neg.	Neg.
Haryana	1425	689	1196